

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-12 were pending in this Application. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-12 were rejected. Claims 2 and 8 were objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 1 have been amended. Claims 13-23 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 8 have been objected to but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Thus, Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claim 2. Furthermore, a new independent claim 13 is submitted which includes the limitations of former independent claim 1 and dependent claim 8. Dependent claims 14-23 refer to former dependent claims 2-7, and 9-12. Hence, Applicant believes that all pending claims are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants enclose a Petition for Extension of Time for one-month and a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension fee. In addition, Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$100 for new dependent claims. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Andreas Grubert at 512.322.2545.

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